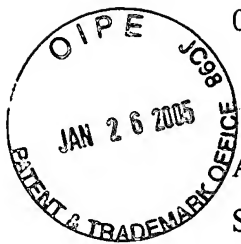


2FW



034017R011

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Douglas Walker, et al.

Serial No.: 10/623,100

Group Art Unit: 3676

Filed: July 22, 2003

Examiner: Unassigned

For : BAG FORMING SYSTEM EDGE SEAL

FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the enclosed International Search Report, dated October 26, 2004, issued for corresponding Appln. No. PCT/US2004/014515 which claims priority to the present case. A copy of the Search Report is being submitted, along with a the cover sheet of PCT Publication No. WO 2004/101245.

A number of the documents cited in the attached Search Report previously were cited in three prior Information Disclosure Statements entered for this case. Therefore, only those documents not previously cited are being included in this present Information Disclosure Statement.

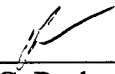
According to the Search Report, U.S. Patent No. 5,996,848 is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,964,378; U.S. Patent Nos. 4,170,440, 4,154,368 and 4,199,303 are family members of U.S. Patent No. 4,131,395; U.S. Patent No. 6,315,161 is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 6,283,329 and U.S. Patent No. 4,725,713 is a family member of WO/8401684.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that all documents submitted herewith were cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Therefore, it is

respectfully urged that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP

By: 
Dennis C. Rodgers, Reg. No. 32,936
1850 M Street, NW, Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036
Telephone: (202) 263-4300

Date: January 26, 2005

FORM PTO-1449

ATTY. DOCKET
34017R011SERIAL NO.
10/623,100

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANT:

Douglas Walker, et al.

FILING DATE
July 22, 2003GROUP ART UNIT
3676

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner's Initials		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE, IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,131,395	12/26/78	Bairunas, et al.			
	AB	6,283,329	9/4/01	Leonard II, et al.			
	AC	5,375,743	12/27/94	Soudan			
	AD	5,050,776	9/24/91	Rosenplanter			
	AF	5,996,848	12/7/99	Sperry, et al.			
	AG	4,170,440	10/9/79	Gusmer, et al.			
	AH	4,154,368	5/15/79	Gusmer, et al.			
	AI	4,199,303	4/22/80	Gusmer, et al.			
	AJ	6,315,161	11/13/01	Bezaire, et al.			
	AK	4,725,713	2/16/88	Lehrke			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner's Initials		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AL	WO 84/01684	4/26/84	PCT				
	AM							

OTHER INFORMATION (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AN	International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) issued in connection with PCT/US2004/014515 with cover sheet of corresponding PCT Publication No. WO 2004/101245
	AO	

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.